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TOPIC Military Information from Meissen

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## REFERENCES.

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REMARKS

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1. From 20 December 1952 to 21 January 1953, the barracks installation in Meissen-Bohnitzsch quartered 800 to 900 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including about 75 percent with tank insignia, and 25 percent wearing red-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. An estimated 40 to 50 tanks were stationed in the billeting area. On 20 December, 3 T-34 tanks and T-34/85 tanks were observed. Two garages were occupied to capacity by tanks on 5 January. From 70 to 80 soldiers engaged in aiming practice with rifles in the afternoon of 5 January, while 50 to 60 soldiers organized into groups and wearing white winter clothing engaged in drill on 7 January. Two groups of 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 2 officers carrying red and yellow flags were seen in the area north of the barracks installation on 12 January. Troops practiced machine gun firing at the target range on 21 January.

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2. On 21 January, the barracks installation in Meissen-Zaschendorf was occupied by an estimated 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. the installation quartered signal troops and mortar units. The open sheds were occupied to capacity by trucks whose numbers were covered with paper. A new tower had been erected north of the installation.<sup>2</sup>

3. The barracks installation at Bohnitzsch was bisected by an iron fence. From 19 December 1952 until 8 January 1953, the southern section of the installation quartered about 1,000 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, while the northern section, which is the smaller part of the installation, quartered about 800 soldiers

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who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. [redacted]  
 T-34 tank was daily seen driving to the training area. [redacted]

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4. There was no activity in the billeting area of the barracks installation at Bohnitzsch on 2, 3 and 5 January. About 60 soldiers drilled on the training grounds where a tank was also seen. About 60 soldiers drilled in the barracks yard on 12, 13, and 15 January. At about noon on 16 January, 2 groups of 10 men each marched to the target range, each equipped with a light machine gun. A tank and several soldiers were seen on the training grounds.<sup>1</sup>

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1. [redacted] Comment. The bisection of the Bohnitzsch Kaserne [redacted] is a new indication that the occupation of the installation was reorganized. Reports [redacted] tended to indicate that the 45th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div transferred from Kemenz to Meissen in the summer of 1952. [redacted]

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The 95th Tank Regt of the 9th Tank Div is still carried in one section of the installation. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. The occupation of the Zaschendorf Kaserne is undetermined. The information [redacted] does not clearly indicate whether the 213th Mort Regt of the 9th Tank Div is still stationed in the installation. Reports [redacted] indicated that the mortar regiment could also be stationed in the Pudra Kaserne in Riesa. [redacted]

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